REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)

Georgia Trauma Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of grant funding for projects related to trauma care. We invite eligible organizations to submit applications for consideration. As part of our mission to invest in trauma care, we are committed to supporting initiatives that focus on injury prevention, trauma education, public awareness, and advocacy.

For the purposes of this funding opportunity, *trauma care* refers to the prevention, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, and outcomes associated with physical injuries.

This year, we are offering ten grants, each up to $10,000, to initiatives that can demonstrate significant improvements in patient outcomes, trauma care, trauma awareness, or safety and injury prevention.

Georgia Trauma Foundation aims to make a lasting impact on the health and safety of our communities. We eagerly anticipate your proposals and the opportunity to work together to advance trauma care throughout the state.

DETAILS

Funding Priorities: Injury prevention, trauma education, public awareness, advocacy, trauma system development, and initiatives that improve outcomes for physically injured patients. Other mission-aligned projects will be considered.

Project Description: Projects should demonstrate how funding will improve outcomes for physically injured patients, enhance trauma care delivery, increase trauma awareness, strengthen trauma systems, or promote safety and injury prevention.

- **Number of Awards:** Ten (10)
- **Maximum Award Amount:** $10,000
- **Funding Period:** One (1) Year
- **Release Date:** November 2, 2026
- **Closing Date and Time:** December 11, 2026 @ 11:59pm. The review committee reserves the right to close the application window.
- **Award Notification:** January 31, 2027
- **Awards Public Announcement:** Georgia Trauma Commission Winter Meeting

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ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profit organizations, hospitals, educational institutions and community groups located in the state of Georgia
- Collaborative projects are encouraged; one organization must serve as the lead applicant.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects focused primarily on trauma-informed care, trauma-informed educational practices, psychological trauma, behavioral health interventions, or adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) that do not directly improve physical injury prevention, trauma care delivery, or outcomes for physically injured patients.
- General operating support unrelated to a defined project.
- Activities completed prior to the award period.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Application Process:

All applications must be submitted through the online portal.

- The abstract is limited to 300 words.
- The project narrative must not exceed 2,500 words and should address all required components.
- The budget narrative and justification must be uploaded as a PDF attachment.

Once submitted, the application will be anonymized before it is released to the Grant Review Committee.

REQUIRED EVALUATION CRITERIA

An out-of-state Grant Review Committee will evaluate the proposals based on the following criteria:

1. **Project Abstract** (10%)
    - The abstract is a summary that must contain a description of the proposal and a statement of objectives and methods to be implemented and sustained to achieve grant program goals. This abstract must not include any proprietary/confidential information and should be suitable for dissemination to the public. It should not exceed 300 words.

2. **Project Narrative** (70%)
    - The Project Narrative should offer a framework of all aspects of the proposal. It must include the sections below:

      Introduction: provides an overview of the project, including its purpose, significance, and the problem it aims to address.

      Objectives: defines goals and objectives the project intends to achieve.

      Background and Rationale: explains the need for the project

      Project Description: describes the project, and includes:

        Methods and Procedures: how the project will be carried out

        Timeline: a schedule of activities and milestones

        Staffing and Management: information about the project team and their roles

      Evaluation Plan: details how the project's success will be measured and evaluated.

      Sustainability: highlights plan for sustaining the project's impact after the grant period ends

      Conclusion: summarizes the importance of the project and its potential impact.

      The project narrative should not exceed 2,500 words.

3. **Budget Narrative and Justification** (10%)
    - Budget narrative must justify anticipated expenses to complete project within the one-year funding period. The budget should not exceed $10,000 unless other sources of support are available and verifiable. This grant cannot be used to pay for a project's administrative costs or overhead expenses. The budget must be uploaded as a PDF attachment.
4. **Funding Priority Alignment** (10%)
    - Proposal will be evaluated to the degree it addresses the funding priorities of injury prevention, education, public awareness or advocacy related to trauma care.

Each application will be scored on a scale of 1 to 100, with the sum of all criteria not exceeding 100 points. The highest-scoring applications will be considered for funding, subject to the availability of funds and the discretion of the review committee.

AWARD DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

- Up to 10 grants will be awarded – one per Georgia EMS/RTAC regions.
- The highest scoring application from that region will be selected.
- If no eligible applications are received from a region, that region's grant will be reassigned.
- Reassigned grants will go to the next highest scoring application(s), regardless of region.
- This process ensures both geographic diversity and merit-based selection.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All grant recipients are required to submit the following reports:

1. **Progress Report:**
    - An interim report is required at the six-month mark, detailing the project's advancements, challenges encountered, and preliminary outcomes. Failure to submit a report may result in ineligibility for future funding opportunities.
2. **Financial Report:**
    - Detailed financial statements outlining how the grant funds have been utilized must be submitted with the interim and final reports.
    - Any funds used for matching grants should be clearly indicated.
    - Unexpended funds revert to Georgia Trauma Foundation. Failure to return these funds may result in ineligibility for future funding opportunities.
3. **Final Report:**
    - A comprehensive final report within 30 days of the project's completion, summarizing the project's achievements, lessons learned, and future recommendations.
    - Must demonstrate how the project met the goals outlined in the application, with a focus on patient outcomes, trauma care improvement, and safety awareness/injury prevention.
4. **Dissemination Plan:**
    - A plan for sharing the results of the project with the broader community, including publications, presentations, or workshops.

Please note that grant recipients who fail to comply with the reporting requirements will be deemed ineligible for future grant awards for a period of three years.